Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana
Education Outcomes Task Force Meeting
Friday, March 6, 2016
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Indiana Government Center South, Room 17

AGENDA:

Review and Approve Minutes from January, 2016 meeting

Evaluate progress on the following objectives and determine the need for any actionable recommendations to the Commission:

1. Increase School Stability and Decrease Absenteeism (Truancy)
2. Improve transitions for youth from DOC and DCS to other agencies and to the community, including reenrollment into school.
3. Increasing alternatives for schools regarding youth who would otherwise be suspended or expelled.

Review the following recommendations from the US Department of Justice and the US Department of Education and determine the need to address any of these in the coming year:

1. A safe, healthy facility-wide climate that prioritizes education, provides the conditions for learning, and encourages the necessary behavioral and social support services that address the individual needs of all youth, including youth with disabilities and English learners
2. Necessary funding to support educational opportunities for all youth within long-term secure care facilities, including youth with disabilities and English learners, comparable to opportunities for peers who are not system-involved
3. Recruitment, employment, and retention of qualified educational staff with skills relevant to juvenile justice settings who can positively impact long-term student outcomes through demonstrated abilities to create and sustain effective teaching and learning environments
4. Rigorous and relevant curricula aligned with State academic and career/technical standards that utilize instructional methods, tools, materials, and practices that promote college and career readiness
5. Formal processes and procedures-through statute, memoranda of understanding, and practice-that ensure successful, navigable transitions across multiple child-serving systems, and smooth reentry into communities

Assign work to Sub-Committees

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